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DRAFT DECISION

United Nations Population Fund

A.

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, reaffirmed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986, and taking into account the views expressed at the thirty-ninth session (1992) of the Governing Council during consideration of matters concerning the United Nations Population Fund,

Emphasizing the sovereignty of nations in the formulation, adoption and implementation of their population policies, in full integration with their general development policies and consistent with basic human rights and with the responsibilities of individuals, couples and families,

1. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the activities of the Fund in 1991 (DP/1992/24, parts I, II and III);

2. Expresses concern over the currently projected inadequate increase in voluntary contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1992, especially in view of the urgency of addressing population issues in the 1990s;

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3. Encourages all countries to initiate, increase or resume, as appropriate, contributions to the United Nations Population Fund in 1992 and in future years and to make their payments as early as possible in the year for which the pledge is made;

4. Requests the Executive Director to take appropriate steps to encourage an increase in contributions, taking into account views expressed by delegations on this issue at the thirty-ninth session of the Govering Council;

5. Welcomes the increasing attention given by the United Nations Population Fund to enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of its programmes and encourages further efforts to ensure that its limited resources are well-focused and achieve maximum impact;

6. Notes the decreasing proportion of the Fund's expenditures in the last several years devoted to maternal and child health and family planning services, as reflected in table D on page 6 of the Work Plan for 1993-1996 and request for programme expenditure authority (DP/1992/26); urges the United Nations Population Fund, in accordance with its multisectoral approach, to at least maintain and consider increasing the current proportion of resources allocated to these activities, in view of the rapidly growing public demand throughout the developing world for safe and effective contraceptive methods; and therefore requests the Executive Director to examine programme priorities as well as the needs and resource requirements regarding the United Nations Population Fund's activities as part of its preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994;

7. Takes note of the Executive Director's periodic report on the evaluation activities of the United Nations Population Fund (DP/1992/25); stresses the need to assess the impact and effectiveness of United Nations Population Fund assistance; emphasizes the importance of programme-level evaluations including evaluation of information, education and communication activities; urges greater focus on qualitative aspects of evaluation and that of sustainability; re-emphasizes the continued need to ensure feedback of lessons learned through evaluations into programme formulation and implementation; requests the Executive Director to increase the number of independent evaluations; welcomes the expanded use of the programme review and strategy development exercise and calls for a review of the exercise

and requests the Executive Director to include the findings in the periodic evaluation report to be submitted to the forty-first session of the Governing Council (1994);

8. Also takes note of the joint report on collaborative activities of the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund (DP/1992/28); acknowledges that such collaborative activities can help ensure a coherent response to national plans and priorities and enhance a Government's ability to achieve its development priorities; urges both organizations to expand and strengthen collaborative activities, in particular those outlined in the section of the report on future actions, and to make such collaboration an integral and systematic part of each organization's activities in all countries; and requests UNFPA to include, in cooperation with UNICEF, a status report on these activities in the Executive Director's annual report to the Council;

9. Encourages the United Nations Population Fund's continuing commitment to the promotion of national execution and of its actions to strengthen and accelerate progress towards national execution; requests the United Nations Population Fund to continue to provide financial support, when needed, for personnel training, national institutional capacity-building, as well as necessary and appropriate equipment for successful implementation of national execution; and endorses the proposed national execution policy guidelines for future country programmes and projects assisted by the United Nations Population Fund, as contained in document DP/1992/29;

10. Notes with satisfaction the overall theme and objectives of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991; and encourages and calls for an active participation from Governments, organizations and others to start preparations for the Conference at the national as well as regional and international levels;

11. Requests the Economic and Social Council at its forthcoming session (July 1992) to deal with the issues mentioned in the preceding paragraph; and especially to facilitate the possibility for developing countries to participate in an active way, to promote the active participation by all

interested parties and at a high political level at the regional conferences, to integrate the results from the expert group meetings into the preparatory work and to welcome informal ad hoc meetings;

12. Takes note of the medium-term operational strategy of the United Nations Population Fund as contained in document DP/1992/31; and recommends that the Executive Director follow the spirit of the medium-term operational strategy in the ongoing efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to assist developing countries in meeting their changing and growing population programming and programme support needs;

13. Notes the progress being made by the United Nations Population Fund in implementing the successor support cost arrangements approved by the Governing Council in decision 91/37 of 25 June 1991; urges the Executive Director to ensure that the technical support services teams are established with clear lines of accountability, management structures, reporting and working relationships; requests the Executive Director, bearing in mind the United Nations Population Fund's multisectoral mandate, to appropriately reflect the importance of the area of maternal and child health and family planning in her selection of the team members' fields of technical competence; emphasizes the importance of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of United Nations Population Fund executing agencies in the delivery of technical assistance services; and requests that the United Nations Population Fund provide to the fortieth session of the Governing Council (1993) a progress report on the implementation of the technical support services teams, including identification of problems and constraints as well as recommendations for improving implementation;

14. Commends the United Nations Population Fund for the progress made on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs; calls upon the United Nations Population Fund, in cooperation with interested governments, non-governmental organizations and other relevant international agencies, to continue to promote greater awareness and commitment on the part of donor and recipient governments alike of the need to mobilize additional resources to meet the large increases in demand for contraceptives during the 1990s; and further requests the United Nations Population Fund to submit to the forty-first session of the Governing Council (1994) a report on the Global Initiative on Contraceptive Requirements and Logistics Management Needs;

15. Welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Population Fund to strengthen its activities in the field of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) prevention and control within the framework of its support for maternal and child health and family planning as well as information, education and communication programmes and in the context of the global strategy for prevention and control of AIDS as formulated by the World Health Organization; invites the United Nations Population Fund to centre these activities in the broader context of reproductive health; and urges the United Nations Population Fund to coordinate its activities in this area closely with those of other multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organizations;

16. Appreciates the close and constructive cooperation of the United Nations Population Fund with the Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; emphasizes the strong and increasingly clear linkages between population concerns (including the critical issue of family planning) and poverty, the environment and development; urges the United Nations Population Fund to intensify its efforts to work closely with countries and with all other concerned parties in ensuring that these linkages are effectively addressed; and to that end, urges all concerned parties to take population concerns (and the need for effective maternal and child health and family planning services) fully into account in the deliberations, recommendations and follow up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

17. Notes with satisfaction the Fund's 1992 State of World Population report entitled "A World in Balance", which calls for immediate and determined action to balance population, consumption and development patterns; also notes the report's recommendation that a strategy of human-centred development (i.e., development focused on improving education, health, the status of women, and access to family planning) should be at the core of policies leading to sustainable, balanced development, and that population, being an essential component of such a strategy, should be integrated into research, policy and programmes at every level; and calls on the United Nations Population Fund to continue to increase awareness through its public information activities in both developed and developing countries on issues relating to population and development, and in particular on the importance of social development as a priority in programmes of international assistance;

18. Welcomes the participation of the United Nations Population Fund in the collaborative missions of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization to countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States in February 1992; expresses concern at the lack of safe and reliable contraceptive methods and of adequate family planning services, as well as information and publicity materials in those states, and supports the United Nations Population Fund's expressed willingness, subject to allocation of additional funds for that purpose, and on specific request by those states, to provide the technical and commodity assistance required to ensure effective population and family planning programmes.

B.

The Governing Council,

Having considered the work plan for 1993-1996 and request for programme expenditure authority (DP/1992/26) and the report on the status of financial implementation of Governing Council-approved country programmes and projects (DP/1992/27),

1. Endorses the Executive Director's programme resource planning proposals set out in paragraphs 10-31 of document DP/1992/26;

2. Approves the request for the new programme expenditure authority in the amount of $188.1 million for 1993;

3. Endorses the use of the following estimates for new programmable resources for the 1994-1996 period which will have to be adjusted according to actual contributions; $207.4 million for 1994; $225 million for 1995; and $244.4 million for 1996.

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Addendum

Matters relating to the programming cycles:
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation,
Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

The Governing Council,

Welcoming Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan as recipient countries in the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Approves, in accordance with decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990, the allocation of indicative planning figures and requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its fortieth session of any revised basic data and the effect on the computation of the indicative planning figures;

2. Authorizes the Administrator to proceed with programme development in the eight countries, at the request of and in close cooperation with the Governments concerned, taking into account other development activities being undertaken in the countries.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Addendum

International Year for the World's Indigenous People

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the International Year for the World's Indigenous People (DP/1992/61), prepared in response to its decision 91/12 of 25 June 1991, and of the proposals contained therein,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 46/128 of 17 December 1991, in which the General Assembly, inter alia, adopted the programme of activities for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People,

Invites the Administrator, within the mandate of the United Nations Development Programme, to contribute to the programme of activities for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People, in particular as regards part I, section C, of the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/128.

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